

HUNS STILL BUSY WITH PROPAGANDA ALL OVER MEXICO

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 6.—Signing of the armistice by Germany on Nov. 11 did not bring to an immediate end the activities of German propagandists in Mexico, and even residents of Nuevo Laredo, just across the Rio Grande from here, were still in ignorance three days after the cessation of hostilities. This lack of information was not confined to the uneducated classes, but was found among the higher classes as well.

During the pan-American labor conference here, temporary permits were issued for delegates to cross the border and visit the Mexican city. One party of delegates visited a school in which were a dozen young woman teachers and several hundred girl pupils, none of them over 14 years old.

Through an interpreter the teachers talked with the visitors. The teachers were even more interested in their visitors than the visitors were in Mexican conditions. Their conversation revealed at once that not one knew the war was over, although fighting had ceased three days previous.

"Can't the United States do something to end the war?" was the first question of each.

"Why the war is over," they were told. "The Germans agreed to an armistice last Sunday."

Only one of all the teachers had heard of it and she said she had not credited the rumor.

CHIEF SLEUTH TO QUIT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, has offered his resignation to Attorney-General Gregory. He expects to enter private business.

BALLANTINE RESIGNS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—A. A. Ballantine has resigned as solicitor of the internal revenue bureau effective Jan. 1 and will resume the practice of law in Boston. It is announced. His successor will be determined soon.

Russia Cannot Free Self From Chaos Without Allies' Aid, Says Diplomat

What of the future of Russia? is a question frequently asked these days and one answer has come from Sir George Buchanan in the nature of a call to the allies for help. Sir George spoke at the British-Russia club recently in London on "New Russia."

Sir George, as British ambassador to Russia, had opportunity to study the situation from all angles.

"Russia, as a political entity," said Sir George, "is at present nonexistent, and she has no chief magistrate or recognized government to whom we can do honor as the acknowledged head of the Russian people. This is, however, but a passing phase, and I am confident that in no distant future we shall see her arise new born from the ashes of her former self and take her rightful place among the free nations of the world."

"The old Russia passed away in March of last year. I am not going to pronounce a funeral oration on the fall of the autocracy, for I had no sympathy with a political barrier that constituted an almost insuperable barrier to that close understanding between the British and Russian peoples which it has been my great ambition to bring about. If I had to write the epitaph of the old regime I should say that it fell self-condemned through its innate weakness and incapacity."

A new chapter is opening in Russia's history. She is passing through the last phase of a crisis on which all her future life as a nation depends. The Bolsheviks, after having adopted their watchwords of "No annexations and no contributions," having ceded several of their provinces to Germany and undertaken to pay an indemnity to Germany of \$1,000,000,000, feel that their end is approaching. They are playing their last card, and they are indulging in an orgy of massacre and spoliation. We must not, however, confound the innocent with the guilty. We must not hold the Russian people responsible for crimes which the great majority of them condemn.

"Russia in her agony is crying aloud for help, and we must respond to her call. She can not emerge from the chaos into which the war and the revolution have plunged her without foreign assistance, and it is from the allies, and not from Germany, that that assistance must come. Germany is afraid that our great overseas dominions may be closed to her after the war, and that she will not be able to draw from them those supplies of raw material which she formerly took for the maintenance of her industries, and she feels the vital importance of being in a position to draw the supplies of raw material from Russia. Her object has been to make Russia her economic vassal, to exploit her for her own profit so as to be able to recoup her losses in the war. She has aimed at exploiting the wealth of Russia, at controlling Russia's vast man power.

"Colonial as is the task before us, we must assist Russia in the economic reconstruction that must precede the political reconstruction that will create a new and free, a strong and independent Russia. We must be prepared to supply her with the proper moment supplies with expert advice, with capital, and with all the machinery necessary to restart her moribund industries, to render her agriculture more productive, and also we must endeavor to revive her export trade without which her depreciated currency can never regain its former value. We can not, however, hope that this Russia is not prepared to help herself."



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"There is reason to believe that in this country there is a subconscious Bolshevik propaganda going on. I can not speak with any certitude about it, but there have been recent strikes in which there may be the hidden hand of a Hun or Bolshevik. And I am convinced that the most effective way to counter such propaganda is to bring home to our people the untold suffering and ruin which Bolshevism has brought on Russia."

SHIP CONTROL HAS BECOME BIG FACTOR

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The after-war business problem receiving the most important attention at present in England is that of the control of raw materials and shipping, says a statement issued by the American chamber of commerce in London. It adds:

"Detailed studies of sources and methods of control and distribution are being made, but there does not yet appear to be agreement on the general principles of control. On the one hand powerful interests are urging immediate co-operation between Great Britain, France and the United States for the formation of a world control which will, at the appropriate time, be able to distribute raw materials as seems best. On the other hand some are pointing out that such action would in principle be contrary to President Wilson's policy of no economic combination within the league of nations."

"World arrangements are already being made with the sanction and even the assistance of the British government in regard to oil and metals, while shipping plans change or develop daily. The American chamber of commerce in London has urged commercial bodies in America to consider the entire subject."

PORTABLE PRESS FOR WAR MAPS IS YANK SCHEME

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES

IN FRANCE, Dec. 6.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—For the first time in any war battlefield maps have been printed literally within sound of the roar of the big guns at the front. A portable printing press for map-making is one of the many outcomes of the war, and it is an American invention and has been in actual use behind the lines of the American armies in France.

The press was carried upon a large truck and is moved from place to place with the corps headquarters. Accompanying the map-making department of each corps are expert lithographers, and in the event of a rush order for a map of certain territory, perhaps for a printed outline of ground height fought for at that very moment, it was possible for the American map-makers to turn out a map about two feet square in less than 15 hours.

The designs were copied from maps on a larger scale, a complete set of these being carried by each corps printing outfit. When a rush or special order was received from the front, usually a small map was turned out, this being followed by a map on a larger scale if needed.

Turning by means of a printing press invention it is now possible for soldiers in the front lines to be supplied with maps prepared and printed the same day, almost within range of the heavy guns of the enemy. In addition to the portable map-making detachments, the American army has an immense plant to print the larger and more detailed maps of all parts of France, or more particularly the fighting ground as the Americans advanced.

MARTIN BOY DIES.

MARTIN, Tenn., Dec. 6.—(Sp.)—Bob Martin, who resides two miles south of Martin, is in receipt of a telegram stating that his son, Herbert Farham, was wounded Nov. 5 and died Nov. 17. This is the second Martin boy to die in action. Martin Luther was killed in July.

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WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES

IN FRANCE, Dec. 6.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The country over which the Americans fought their way northwest from Verdun presents pictures of ruin, destruction and desolation. The villages are uninhabited and homes seem but wrecks.

Turn by mine causing huge craters, caused by bombardments which made hundreds of thousands of shell holes and strewn with broken or abandoned guns, wreckage of ammunition, helmets and all the other debris of four years of desperate fighting, the whole route betrays the awful effects of war.

Everywhere, in every direction and protecting each slightest angle and nook, across the roads until turn away by shells or human hands, the countless strands of barbed wire, most of it rusted by the rains, crazily tangle themselves on its supporting stakes that have fallen to right and left. "It takes four years to win the war," said some casual visitor to the front, "it will take six years to roll up the barbed wire that has been used in winning it."

Take, for instance, the trip from ruined, desolate Avocourt to northward to Malancourt and Montfaucon, the scene of some of the bitterest fighting of the entire war. Avocourt is a ruin before even the American offensive started.

Trees Shorn and Bare.

For a solid mile northward the road winds across foothills that once were covered with green trees, but now are shorn and bare. Gigantic mines have torn the road in twain and gouged out holes 40 and more feet deep, a hundred and more feet across, to get around or across which engineers have had to exercise their ingenuity and the surrounding country, stripped of its wood, has furnished the rock. Fortunately there is plenty of that.

To either side of the road are the remains of what were once livable, comfortable dugouts and buildings, blown into thousands of pieces by discharges of explosive when the enemy retreated. Further ahead and as far as the eye can reach across the low hills are hundreds and thousands of shell holes, their craters overlapping, big and little holes from missiles of every character, that have torn and scarred the earth almost beyond the hope of redemption.

Everywhere is the debris of the battlefield, guns, helmets, articles of clothing, piles and heaps of ammunition, broken down and splintered wagons, caissons and trucks. And, if one goes over the scene soon enough, bodies awaiting burial.

The comparison between Malancourt and Avocourt is striking, because the former has suffered so much more. Buildings no longer have even a semblance of their former state. Where Avocourt walls at least still stand here and there, in Malancourt everything has been razed to the ground, and the crumbling remnants are seized upon to rebuild the shattered roads and make them passable for the insatiable armies ahead that must have more and ever more ammunition and food and supplies.

Neither Malancourt nor Montfaucon, nor any one of a score of towns within the sector where the Americans operated has a single living inhabitant left. In every direction is a waste of craters and upturn earth. It is the quinquennial of desolation and nothingness.

The once beautiful wooded slopes and hills are now torn and gashed, and artillery bombardments have stripped hilltops of all but the stumps of their trees, which tower pathetically against the sky without branches or foliage, mere crippled relics of their former selves. Many of them have been shattered by shells as by lightning, others cut off as though by bungling wood choppers, unable to fell a tree cleanly. The reconstruction of Europe is admittedly going to be a long, hard task, far longer, than the war that made it necessary. In time to come the meadows and valleys between Avocourt and Malancourt will be green again, and the trees of the Argonne forest will grow up as they did before 1914. But as they all look now it seems very, very far in the future before the ruins, the utter destruction, can be made good and the former status of this portion of France restored.

NATION TO CONTINUE SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—Assurance given by Secretary Daniels in a recent address here that the nation has no intention of abandoning its program of building up the merchant marine has a stimulating effect upon recruiting for that branch of the service.

William G. Rice, chief of the sea service bureau, which supplies officers and men for transports and cargo ships, said men are being shipped daily into active overseas service, and that this will continue indefinitely. He declared that here is a glorious future in store for the American merchant marine, and that the prospects of fame and fortune for those who enter this service are more alluring today than ever before in the nation's history. Recruiting therefore will go on, he said, for the merchant marine needs many more men.

BRITISH ASK LARGER COTTON SHIPMENTS

Representatives of the cotton manufacturers' industry have appealed to the British board of trade for additional tonnage for the transportation of cotton from America. They declared that the increasing shortage of raw cotton was likely to cause the mills to be closed unless immediate steps were taken to increase the supply.

Sir Albert Stanley, president of the board, was unable to promise the additional tonnage but the cotton manufacturers believe their request will be favorably considered and curtailment of production averted.

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CHICAGO HEROES TO BE HONORED
Plan Proposed to Erect Six-Mile Boulevard Connecting With Parks.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Capt. Myron E. Adams, a highway architect before entering the war, has advanced a plan to commemorate Chicago's heroes, which provides for a six-mile boulevard along Lake Michigan's shore, connecting Grant and Jackson parks. He would name it Victory boulevard, with five wide streets one mile apart, running into the main thoroughfares named in honor of France, Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and the United States. He suggested that the outer drive-way be built off the present shore line of the lake between Grant and Jackson parks, be linked up with Michigan avenue by driveways at Jackson boulevard and Harrison street, passing around a great memorial arch. An arch of triumph here to span the proposed new link also has been suggested. A memorial room in the new Field museum is another proposal receiving attention.

Twelfth street extended to the new water line would be Pershing drive. Twenty-second street would be Poch drive. Thirty-first street would be named Hays drive. Thirty-ninth street King Albert drive and Forty-seventh street Diaz drive. Bridges where these drives are to cross the lagoon would be named after naval leaders of the allied countries. Twelfth street and the mouth of the Chicago river would be opportunity for Polish names.

Adams' plan is favored by officials of the South Side board and the Chicago plan commission, to whom it was submitted.

Some friction is expected on the decision to call the new boulevard link Victory or Pershing drive. The city council has considered the question, but did not come to a definite conclusion.

EMPIRE VERSE.
LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Royal Colonial Institute recently invited suggestions for an "Empire Verse" to the national anthem, and from the competitors the following has been adjudged to be the best:

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Polar and tropic breeze,
Our song shall ring
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